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RESEARCH FACILITY IN BANGALORE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Microsoft research centre in India launched its research facility in Bangalore which is the third research centre of the company outside United States;

(b) whether the Government and MSRI director of the centre have signed a memorandum of understanding for partnership in science and technology;

(c) if so, whether Bangalore Lab will conduct a long-term basic and applied research; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Department of Science & Technology have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with M/s. Microsoft Research Lab India Pvt. Ltd., on 12th January, 2005 for a partnership in science & technology research projects.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) This is only a Memorandum of Understanding and no such details have been framed so far.